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## THE BATTLE.

The general returns of the Presidential election are at this writing too fragmentary and incomplete to furnish a basis for arriving at definite conclusions; nevertheless we trust "our flag is still there," and that HAYES and WHEELER have received a majority of the votes for Presidential electors in the several States of the Union. One thing, at least, is certain that if TILDEN *is* elected the result has been brought about simply by the iniquitous agencies of the shotgun policy in the South and of stupendous frauds in the North. The question yesterday presented to the American people was one of the most momentous that ever pressed for solution—the direct, practical question whether a majority of the voters of the United States held honesty and purity of character to be essential qualifications for the highest official trust, and whether they possess the elevated moral sense which revolts at any act calculated to bring dishonor upon the good name our country bears in our own sight and in the sight of the civilized world. We believe that they do so hold and possess. If TILDEN *is* elected, it simply means that he has *stolen* the Government of the United States by means of the most corrupt and infamous practices known under the sun, and unless honest men speedily unite to put an end to this appalling business, the time is not far distant when the business will put an end to the Government and the nation. No form of government can long withstand the practice of such diabolical frauds as TILDEN and his followers set in operation during the campaign now closed. They are evils which strike at the very vitals of our political system, and carry with them the essential elements of destruction. Nothing like it has ever been witnessed in this country before; nothing beginning to approach it in comprehensive scope, variety of detail and desperate villainy of execution. These qualities are all traceable direct to the knavish mind and thievish hand of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency himself. This sickening spectacle of a Presidential candidate lending himself to and leading in the work of debauching the country and defeating the will of the nation by high-handed corruption, is one to make men and angels weep. The importation, last month, of illegal voters into Indiana and Ohio, the fraudulent registration in New York, the distribution of forged tax receipts in Philadelphia, and of spurious tickets in many or all States, have all been parts of one gigantic system. TILDEN'S responsibility for these shameless practices has been established beyond question. Some of them have been traced directly to his personal agents, and others to his so-called "Literary Bureau," while all of them have been paid for with his money, and carried out with his full knowledge, consent and probable direction. Together they constitute the most startling and alarming development of political villainy that has ever taken place in this country, and it imparatively behooves the people to fortify themselves without delay for the protection of the ballot-box and the punishment of its polluters, if they would not have this national safeguard of liberty turned into the very instrument of its destruction. The gravity of the crisis cannot be overestimated.

ALL hail the workingmen of Allegheny county. They dared not forget yesterday that the Democratic branch of Congress, at its last session, united upon a Tariff bill, and it spent nearly all the session in efforts to secure its passage, which, had it became a law, would have closed every mine, furnace, forge, shop and factory in the country. Neither did they forget that the MORRISON Tariff bill would have become a law had not the Republicans in the House, by their opposition, defeated it. They stood firmly upon their record for protection to American labor against foreign competition.

EVEN if it should turn out that TILDEN *is* elected, our faith in the ultimate triumph of Republican principles will remain unshaken and steadfast as ever. "Gather not my soul with sinners nor my life with bloody men, in whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes," is still our motto and our inspiration:

> "For right is right, since God is God:
> And right the day must win.
> To doubt would be disloyal;
> To falter would be sin."

ALL hail the Keystone State! Before Pennsylvania decides to vote for a Democratic President the time will have come when men are willing to vote against all their personal chances of prosperity, for to vote for a Democratic President is to vote for the heresy of free trade and non-protection for American workingmen.

HOPKINS and COCHRAN were in favor of TILDEN, and TILDEN oppressed the workmen in his iron mines by compelling them to take illegal shinplasters for pay, redeemable only at his store, in goods at company's prices. The workingmen of Allegheny county seemed to remember this, yesterday.

HOPKINS carries in his pocket a resolution referred to his committee in favor of the employment of Union soldiers wherever practicable, and has smothered it in that way. Yesterday the Union soldier smothered *him*.

HOPKINS and COCHRAN voted to repeal the beneficent Homestead law, so far as it applied to the Southern States. The friend of Free Homes on the public lands yesterday marked them both for that act of treachery.

HOPKINS and COCHRAN voted to amnesty JEFF. DAVIS, and refused to amnesty anyone else unless DAVIS was included. Those who favored hanging JEFF. DAVIS on a sour apple tree yesterday bore this in mind.

THE last session of Congress passed bills to pay $485,000 of rebel claims for damages, and HOPKINS and COCHRAN consented thereto. But they will not be able to do it again.

HOPKINS allowed West Virginia to get $277,000 for the improvement of the Kanawha, and then got but $150,000 for the Ohio, and the river and coal men marked him for it.

THE Republicans of the Twenty-second district sat down on Mr. HOPKINS, yesterday, and there was a sound as of the bursting of a bladder.

PENNSYLVANIA will give her vote for TILDEN.—*Post.*

"Don't never prophesy unless you know."

HOPKINS feels this morning as though Allegheny county had dipped up and hit him on the head.

WHITE LOON, an aged Indian chief, died recently near Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the advanced age of 107 years. He was one of the last survivors of the once powerful tribe of the Miamis, who figured so conspicuously in the border wars of the early days of the State. White Loon was born in 1768, on the spot where Peru now stands, and remained his faculties in a wonderful degree until a short time before he departure to rejoin his tribe in the happy hunting grounds, where, let us hope, they will be free from the insidious fire water and devastating smallpox of the pale faces, and be no longer swindled by Indians agents, or shot down at sight by pioneers of civilization. The old Indian distinctly remembered events occurring ninety-five years ago. He recollected Tecumseh distinctly, and the building of old Fort Wayne, though his intercourse with the whites was limited, owing to his understanding no other language than the Miami.

# BATTLE OF BALLOTS

## Yesterday's Great Political Contest.

## The Full Returns as Far as Received.

## Scooped by the Confederate Democracy.

## Tilden the Slippery Slides In.

## It Might be Worse, but It's Bad Enough.

## A Divided North Joins the Solid South.

## THE PEOPLE VOTE FOR A CHANGE,

## And Will Probably Get More Than They Bargained For.

## Confederate Bonds Likely to be Good Investments After All.

## NOW BRING ON YOUR PGULTRY.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

**SOMERSET.**

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Quemahoning township, Hayes 188, Tilden 74.
Lower Turkeyfoot township, Hayes 81, Tilden 71. Salesburg borough. Hayes 46, Tilden 41.
Somerset county, Somerset township and borough, Hayes 441, Tilden 180.
Brens borough, Hayes 41, Tilden 31.
Confluence township—Hayes 50, Tilden 35.
Meyersdale borough, Hayes 136, Tilden 58.
Northampton township, Hayes 36, Tilden 96.
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